

PEKING, July 1 (AFP). — China will give military aid to the Palestinian liberation movement Fateh, a reliable Arab diplomatic source confirmed in Peking today.

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Begin will meet Kurt Waldheim

UNITED NATIONS, July 1 (R). — Israeli Premier Menachem Begin will have talks with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim during his visit to the United States later this month.

Lebanese government's decree law expires

BEIRUT, July 1 (Agencies). — The government's right to rule by decree ran out at midnight last night, six months after parliament granted it exceptional powers.

Lebanese press suffers new set of restrictions

BEIRUT, July 1 (AFP). — The Lebanese government today proposed more curbs on the country's press, including regulations to control the origins of financial backing for newspapers and periodicals.

Under the proposed law, journalists judged guilty of giving false information likely to endanger public security would be liable to jail sentences ranging from six to 18 months and to fines of, from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

The new law would permit the government to institute censorship automatically in the event of war, armed rebellion, disorders or "any occurrence of a catastrophic nature."

The proposed legislation would permit the public prosecutor's office to initiate judicial cases against a number of instances, and journalists would be liable to prison terms of up to three years and fines ranging from \$3,300 to \$5,000.

The law would permit the prosecutor to act in cases involving insults to a head of state, incitement to commit a crime or to stir up religious dissension, libels against an officially recognized religious sect or a threat to the security, sovereignty, territorial integrity or unity of the state.

Although an estimated 90 laws were enacted by decree, none of them dealt with the political system under heavy strain since the 19-month civil war.

Under the now-expired legislation the government of Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss was given a free hand to put forward any law deemed necessary for reconstruction of the country.

The cabinet last night approved a number of decrees after two meetings lasting over 10 hours.

The decrees included one amending some provisions of the press and censorship law, but no details were immediately available.

There was no word on whether the government would seek an extension of the special powers.

There have been press reports that it would seek the extension for restricted legislation.

In a separate development local residents here reported that two people were wounded, one seriously, in a clash between Lebanon's two main rightwing parties -- Mr. Camille Chamoun's National Liberal Party and Mr. Pierre Gemayel's Phalangist Party -- local residents said.

The clash followed a quarrel at a boys high school in the south-eastern suburb of Furn Al Shubbak and later spread into an exchange of fire in nearby areas.

The headquarters of the NLP in Furn-Al Shubbak came under fire from a passing car, residents said.

According to local residents, an NLP party office in the district of Furn Al Shubbak near Ain Al Rummanah had been sprayed with automatic fire from a passing car.

NLP officials described the clash as an isolated incident and stressed that it did not indicate any major differences between the two rightwing parties.

Observers here said that the fighting underlined lack of unity on both sides of Lebanon's political spectrum.

Though the NLP and the Phalangists follow similar policies, Lebanon's party has taken a harder line on the presence of Palestinians in Lebanon -- seen by the right as the main cause of the 19-month civil war which ended in most parts of Lebanon last November.

Earlier this week, rival Palestinian commando organizations battled each other in the most fierce fighting in Beirut since February, when the peace force intervened to stop clashes in two Palestinian refugee camps.



PARIS MEET -- French Premier Raymond Barre (left) shakes hands with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, at M. Barre's residence in Paris, Friday morning. (AP wirephoto).

Khaddam says in Paris

EEC Middle East policy is positive

PARIS, July 1 (R). — Syrian Deputy Premier Abdul Halim Khaddam said here today that the European Common Market's call for the creation of a Palestinian homeland was a positive step towards solving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But the Europeans must follow up their move with more vigorous and practical actions, he added.

Mr. Khaddam, who is having talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing later today, told reporters after conferring with Prime Minister Raymond Barre and Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud that he felt the policies of the United States and Common Market countries were now closely aligned but "the Americans are still lagging behind the Europeans in this field."

He added: "We hope that the Europeans will follow up their London declaration with more vigorous and practical actions which would lead to the implementation of the United Nations resolutions on the Middle East conflict and the Palestinian question."

Mr. Khaddam was commenting on a statement published in London at the end of the European Council summit on Wednesday in which the nine affirmed their belief that a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible "only

if the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated in fact, which would take into account the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people."

The London declaration brings the EEC position on the Middle East closer to that of President Carter's administration.

The Arab countries have all demanded the creation of a Palestinian state, (Arab: dowlah) while President Carter and the European Common Market states talk for a Palestinian homeland (Arab: Wasatan), French and Arab officials here said today.

Although there is a slight difference in the two positions, the latest Western stand is positive, they said.

Mr. Khaddam, who is also his country's foreign minister, said Syria and the Arab league states wished to see a resumption of the Geneva peace conference as soon as possible.

"But the Israeli side is setting obstacles on the way to the proposed conference," he said. "The Israelis are also setting obstacles in the way of any action designed to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Khaddam, who arrived here last night on a two-day official visit, said the Israelis refuse to withdraw from Arab territories occupied after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. They also refuse to recognize the national rights of the Palestinian people, he added.

With M. Barre he discussed arms purchases from France, officials said. The French premier visited Iraq, Syria's chief ideological antagonist in the Arab World, last week-end and expressed the hope that the Baghdad government would conclude an arms deal with France for 72 Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers.

"Everybody should know that the Arabs cannot yield, one way or another, one inch of the occupied Arab territories," Mr. Khaddam said.

The Syrian leader recalled two of the conditions for peace in the Middle East. The Israelis must withdraw from all occupied Arab territories and recognize the national rights of the Palestinian people.

M. Barre is due to visit Damascus next October, and arrangements for his forthcoming trip were discussed today.

Mr. Khaddam also had two rounds of talks and lunch with Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud and other senior French officials.

In a last, M. de Guiringaud said that France saw in Syria "a country with a prominent place in the Middle East and playing an indispensable role in the balance of power in the area."

OUA summit meets today amidst growing tension in Africa

LIBREVILLE, July 1 (R). — African leaders face the challenge of trying to damp down rivalries among member states when they meet here this weekend for the 14th summit conference of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The OAU said today that at least 20 heads of state from the 49-member organisation will attend the summit, opening tomorrow, which would make it one of the most successful of the annual meetings in terms of high-level attendance.

But in preparatory ministerial talks several countries raised charges of interference in each others' affairs.

Dr. Peter Onu, OAU Assistant Secretary General, said today, however, that there would be an opportunity for leaders to discuss a Nigerian proposal to give the OAU itself a formula for acting quickly on inter-state conflicts.

Such disputes raised in the preparatory talks included the invasion this year of Zaire's Shaba province which brought comments from both Zaire and Angola.

Then came Chad charges, hotly denied, that troops of the Libyan Jamahiriya were involved in "armed occupation" of part of its territory.

Next were Kenyan accusations that men in Somali army uniforms had clashed with Kenyan security forces inside Kenya. And last night Guinea and Senegal revived an old dispute.

Another potential issue for dispute here is the former Spanish Sahara, now ruled by Morocco and Mauritania with the armed opposition of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front.

Polisario has been banned from attending the conference by host state Gabon, but the issue is certain to be raised in the summit when the current OAU Chairman, Mauritius Prime Minister Sir Seewoosar Ramgoolam, has to explain why an extraordinary summit arranged in his capital a year ago has not taken place.

Dr. Onu said the Nigerian proposal which the summit will have a chance to discuss involved enabling the OAU secretary general to act quickly when member states fall out.

Conference sources said the Nigerian plan would mean amending the OAU charter, a lengthy procedure which would probably have to be referred to a committee.

Meanwhile, outspoken Ugandan President Idi Amin will not attend the OAU summit.

According to a broadcast from Kampala monitored in Nairobi today, the Ugandan delegation will be led by its ambassador in Addis Ababa.

President Amin had stated on several recent occasions that he would attend the Libreville conference. Since he took power six years ago, he has attended every summit of the organisation since 1972 and was Chairman of the organisation's meeting last year.

On a brighter note for the OAU, a Moroccan delegation led by Prime Minister Ahmad Ouzan left Rabat today to attend the summit, marking Morocco's return to active participation in OAU affairs.

Morocco walked out of last year's summit in Mauritius after criticism of its role in the Western Sahara, and withdrew altogether from OAU affairs after a ministerial meeting in Togo in February heard allegations that it was involved in an abortive coup in Benin.

In Khartoum, Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri has again called for OAU headquarters to be moved from Addis Ababa, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) reported.

President Nimeiri, who left for Libreville at the head of the Sudanese delegation today, said the headquarters should be moved away from what he called "the Soviet intervention in African affairs" to any African country where peace and stability prevailed, the agency said.

Khaddam satisfied with France's attitude

PARIS, July 1 (R). — Syrian Deputy Premier Abdul Halim Khaddam said after meeting President Valery Giscard d'Estaing here today that he was fully satisfied with France's attitude towards a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"President Giscard d'Estaing has unceasingly shown his appreciation of the situation in the Middle East and the dangers involved with it dragging on unresolved," he told reporters on leaving the Elysee presidential palace.

The French president has consistently called for an early resumption of Geneva peace conference. Mr. Khaddam carried a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad to the French leader on the situation in the Middle East following the advent to power of the Lebanese rightwing coalition led by Menachem Begin, he said.

Rhodesian resort comes under 3 mortar attacks

SALISBURY, July 1 (Agencies). — Rhodesia's top tourist resort at the Victoria Falls came under three rocket and mortar attacks last night, an official communique said today.

Two of the attacks on a Rhodesia forces boat on the Zambezi river and the other on Rhodesia troops in the area -- were launched from neighbouring Zambia, the communique said.

In Lusaka, Mr. Joshua Nkomo's Rhodesian nationalist group ZAPU today claimed responsibility for the attacks.

In a third attack the exclusive Elephant Hills country club and casino on a hill overlooking down on the Zambezi was hit, the communique added.

Ghana reveals plans for return to democracy

ACCRA, July 1 (R). — Ghana's military ruler, Gen. Ignatius Acheampong, announced plans today to restore an elected government in the West African country.

His Supreme Military Council would "transfer power to an elected government as soon as practicable," according to the text of a dawn broadcast to the nation by the general quoted by the Ghana News Agency (GNA).

Gen. Acheampong's military regime has been in charge since a bloodless coup in January 1972.

Last Sunday the country's lawyers said they would stop work if, within a week, the military had not made a move towards a return to civil rule.

There was little damage and no casualties.

The Victoria Falls area has recently become one of the border tension points with Zambia. Small arms fire from Zambia was officially reported last Saturday across the Victoria Falls bridge though there were no casualties.

Today's communique reported that another 12 black African nationalist guerrillas have been killed by Rhodesian troops in the past 48 hours, bringing guerrilla deaths in the four-year war to 2,649. Eight African civilians accompanying a guerrilla group were also killed it said.

"A referendum will then be held within six months from that date to decide on the form of government," he stated.

Thereafter, depending on the choice of the people, a constituent assembly will be set up to draft the relevant constitution under which elections should be held and the transfer of power effected.

"The people would decide whether the army and the police should be included or left out of any future government," Gen. Acheampong said.

U.S.-Israeli relations calm down after storm

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 1 (AFP). — Israeli-U.S. relations were calm again today after the storm over the recent State Department recommendation that Israel withdraw from Arab territories on all three fronts, Israeli officials commented.

They greeted with relief President Jimmy Carter's suggestion of a moratorium on all public statements on the Middle East until the new Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin comes to Washington on July 18 to confer with him.

Mr. Begin said last night he was convinced that their talks will be friendly "even if there are differences of opinion."

Meanwhile, nine Democratic Senators Wednesday sent a letter to President Carter expressing strong support for his efforts to contribute to the cause of peace in the Middle East.

According to congressional sources, the letter endorsed the president's view that peace could not be imposed from the outside and that the United States did not intend to present the Middle East countries with a plan, a timetable or a map.

The sources said unsuccessful efforts were made to get the signatures of other members, including Republicans.

The letter was signed by Senator Hubert Humphrey, Democratic leader Robert Byrd, assistant leader Alan Cranston,

and Senators Edmund Muskie of Maine, Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, John Sparkman of Alabama, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The Israelis realise that Mr. Begin must carry some new concrete proposals to Washington if his trip is to be a success -- proposals that have some chance of moving the Middle East toward peace.

New Foreign Minister, Gen. Moshe Dayan, is preparing alternative options to territorial concessions on the West Bank, which he has always energetically opposed.

The alternatives are believed to amount to allowing Jordan to have more links to the West Bank, which it lost to Israel in the June 1967 war.

Gen. Dayan also was drafting proposals for interim agreements with Egypt, and Syria, the newspaper Yediot Aharanot reported.

But Israeli leaders clearly were concerned over the erosion of Israel's diplomatic position in Washington and in the eyes of the U.S. public.

The uneasiness probably explains why Mr. Begin and Gen. Dayan have asked former Labour Party Foreign Minister Aha Eban to undertake a fact-finding mission to the United States.

Ecevit faces difficulties over vote of confidence next Sunday

ANKARA, July 1 (R). — Turkey's three rightwing parties, representing a majority in parliament, today boycotted the debate preceding a vote of confidence on Premier Bulent Ecevit's minority Social Democratic government.

The three rightist parties, with a total of 229 members in the 450-seat National Assembly, are expected to show up for the vote, which is expected on Sunday.

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Cuba, U.S. will exchange envoys on Sept. 1

WASHINGTON, July 1 (R). — The U.S.-Cuban exchange of diplomats, formally opening a dialogue after 18 years of hostility and tension, will take place on Sept. 1, the two countries announced today.

The state department said each country will have 10 diplomats in the other's capital, using facilities nominally under the flag of a third country.

The U.S. diplomats will use the old U.S. embassy building in Havana as an "interest section" within the Swiss embassy, while Cuba will operate here under the Czechoslovak flag.

Neither country has yet named its chief diplomat, who will carry the rank of counselor.

The date of the exchange, first announced by Cuba and the United States last month, was disclosed this morning in Havana but the number and rank of the diplomats was not given.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance earlier this week called the exchange a "natural and positive step" which would give the U.S. "better insight into what is happening in Cuba and a chance to discuss issues which are of concern to us."

He said further steps toward full normalisation would be taken on a "careful and measured basis."

Bahrain takes over port, docking facilities used to serve U.S. warships

BAHRAIN, July 1 (R). — A six-year United States naval presence ended here today when Bahrain took over the port and docking facilities which served American warships.

Bahrain and the United States reached an agreement under which the latter gave up its repair, communications, supply and maintenance station here.

Negotiations between the two countries, which began in 1975, were conducted in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding, officials here said.

They added that the talks had taken a long time because they were interrupted by last year's U.S. presidential elections.

The officials said American naval vessels would be allowed to make friendly calls on Bahrain like any other country.

The ending of American naval facilities here will not affect the current friendly Bahrain-U.S. ties, the officials said.

"The take-over has taken place without any propaganda fanfare," Bahrain's daily newspaper Akhbar Al Khalij commented.

Observers here believe that Bahrain's decision to take over the facilities was based on its policy of non-involvement with any big power.



BORDER VISIT -- Israel's Defence Minister Ezer Weizman sits in a jeep during a short visit, Thursday, to the Lebanese border area. (AP wirephoto).

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Skokie & Palestine

In the small city of Skokie, Illinois, a drama is playing itself out that should be of interest to all people who wonder why the Middle East conflict is so complex and seemingly insoluble. The Chicago branch of the American Nazi party has planned a march in Skokie for July 4, an event that has angered the 40,000 Jews of the 70,000-population town. At least 7,000 of Skokie's Jews are survivors of Nazi concentration camps in Europe.

The proposed march has apparently prompted heated debates, with many Jews claiming that the First Amendment constitutional right of free speech in the United States should not apply to the Nazis. This is another way of saying that the American constitution can be scrapped when it rubs against Jewish sensitivities. The matter is extremely delicate, but also extremely important, because - we suggest - it contains the essence of the intractability of the Middle East conflict.

The fact is that the whole concept of a Zionist political movement has sprung from the Jewish feelings of persecution in Europe, an experience that culminated in the madness of Hitler's Nazism. It is thus natural and acceptable that the Jews - particularly the survivors from Nazism - would be particularly sensitive to something like the planned Nazi march in Skokie.

But Zionism has taken this natural sensitivity and translated it into a macabre political-economic force that has sought to escape the horrors of history by creating a Jewish state in Palestine. In doing so, and as the Skokie drama shows this week, the Jews are asking the world to allow them both the privilege of perpetuating the sensitivities of history and the right to compensate for past horrors by creating horrors of their own: the physical horror that has been done to the Palestinian people, and the intellectual horror that may be done to the principles of American constitutional egalitarianism. We don't really care what happens to the American constitution per se, but the drama in Skokie interests us because it is an extension of the battles that are taking place in Palestine. Zionism seeks to assault the American constitution in the same manner that Israeli soldiers assault Palestinian schoolchildren in Ramallah and Nablus and Jerusalem. In both cases, rational life is subjected to irrational forces that spring from the dark past of Jewish history.

Because we were not part of that history, we ask whether it is the Western world's chosen moral doctrine that the crimes of Europe be compensated for by the dismemberment of the Palestinian Arab nation? If Palestine is not allowed to survive, what chance does the American constitution have?

Are there people in the West who are prepared to ask when we shall start arranging our lives according to more positive impulses than the shadows and memories of history?

Are there people in the West who will dare tell the Jews and the Israelis that they will someday have to live by the same rules and the same ethical codes as the rest of the world?

Are there people in the West who can see that there will be no peace in Palestine - and no immutable value to the American constitution or any other similar document of Western democratic personal freedoms and rights - until the ghosts of Skokie are forever laid to rest, and the Jewish people look at Palestine and Israel as homes for the future instead of depositories of the crimes of history and the excess matter that flows from those corners of the mind where fear dominates everything else?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Friday commented on the speech given by His Majesty at the University of Jordan's graduation ceremony.

AL DUSTOUR said that His Majesty's address described all the attributes the educated individual must have in Jordan. These attributes are: Un-biased thought, the ability to understand and respect the views of others and to work for the society. The paper said that a society possessing individuals with these attributes is more capable of developing and holding positive dialogues than other societies. In this manner Jordan would have a society whose inter-relationships are based on dignity and justice. But such a society requires the continuous cooperation of individuals in all sectors of life.

The paper concluded that the educated Jordanians should shoulder a great responsibility in maintaining such cooperation in the society.

AL RAY in an editorial entitled "The university and the society," said that the address of His Majesty to the 12th graduating group of the University of Jordan set the standard for university education, the role of the university in the society and the basis for

the educational, social and intellectual life of the society. The King said: "We want the campus of this university to be the forum for positive ideas and we want the atmosphere of this university to be a responsible, alert and understanding atmosphere where the historical developments of our nation and society are consistent with the aims and progress of our society."

The paper said that what the King has said is especially important at such a critical time in Jordan's history as the university is such a sensitive spot. The university holds the hope of the nation. Within the campus exist individuals responsible for forming a link with world thought. The teaching staff has not only professional responsibilities but citizens concerned with the progress of their country.

The paper commented that at this critical time, more than ever, there is the need for the respect of all thought, not only by students but by all those concerned with university education, especially the teaching staff which comes first in responsibility. The teaching staff is the example, the source of thought, and helps shape the thoughts of the students.

India says "no" to non-proliferation

President Carter's anxiety that the manufacture of nuclear weapons in the world be strictly controlled has a bearing on U.S. opposition to reactor deals, particularly those involving the reprocessing of plutonium. Mr. Carter's condition for supplying uranium for India's Tarapur atomic reactor is that the two countries start non-proliferation talks. India declares that it will not sign the discriminatory non-proliferation treaty unless all nuclear powers give up making nuclear weapons.

By Mohammed Aslam

NEW DELHI, (Gemini). — President Jimmy Carter's condition for supplying uranium for the Tarapur atomic reactor that India and the United States start detailed talks on their future nuclear relations has put this country's nuclear policy in sharp focus.

India's External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance briefly discussed the issue in Paris the other day. Observers believe the understanding among U.S. officials is that India's pro-West Janata government is willing to revise its nuclear policy. The assumption appears to be far-fetched.

In fact, searching questions on the subject have been put to Premier Morarji Desai by

newsmen several times in the weeks he has been in office. At his press conference soon after being sworn in on March 24, he reportedly remarked: "I don't know if nuclear explosions are necessary for peaceful purposes. If not, they should not be undertaken."

Mr. Desai later declared in Bombay that India would not sign the discriminatory Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty unless all nuclear powers gave up making atomic weapons. India's stand all along has been that outside safeguards are not favoured unless accepted worldwide.

On May 16, he unequivocally rejected atomic weapons, but made the significant statement that if a nuclear explosion was necessary for peace-

ful purposes, "then we will do it." However, such tests would be conducted not in secret but in an open manner so that anybody could see them.

Of nuclear weapons, Mr. Desai said they were not intended for defence; they were meant only for destruction. India needed conventional weapons, a conventional army and the "courage of the people" to defend itself.

Since nuclear arms would only destroy the world, they should be removed from the face of the earth. "If we go on saying to everybody that such weapons are bad, should we take to them?" he asked.

Mr. Desai told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in March that he is unalterably opposed to India acquiring nuclear arms.

Even since India detonated its first nuclear explosion in 1974, doubts have persisted in certain quarters that Delhi might manufacture nuclear weapons. The government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi had assured the world in no uncertain terms

that nuclear technology would be used only for peaceful purposes. The new regime sticks to this policy.

Countries like Japan and Canada reacted sharply after the test and Pakistan described the successful underground experiment as "political blackmail".

Canada suspended the supply of nuclear material and equipment within days of the blast alleging that Delhi had misused plutonium produced by the Ottawa-aided reactor. The Gandhi government vehemently denied the charge.

The Canadian government had said it did not see any distinction between a peaceful and non-peaceful nuclear device. It wanted a guarantee that nuclear technology would not be transferred to other countries.

Contacts are, however, being maintained on a possible resumption of atomic aid, particularly for the 400-MW nuclear reactor in the western state of Rajasthan. The third

round of talks between Canadian and Indian officials concluded in New Delhi on March 6, recorded "some understanding".

The new U.S. Ambassador to India, Robert Goheen, at his first meeting with Mr. Desai on May 27 is believed to have formally presented a plan to re-negotiate the nuclear fuel deal under which Washington supplies enriched uranium for the Tarapur plant.

The United States stopped shipment of nuclear fuel in April last year. In July, it released one consignment but since then the deal has been kept frozen, presumably in the hope of getting India's policy on peaceful nuclear experiments changed.

Washington's concern about Delhi's nuclear policy is because India is the leader in atomic technology in the third world and is willing to share its expertise with other developing states which want to use it for energy purposes. An understanding was reached with Argentina to provide assistance in developing its atomic installations.

When India exploded its nuclear device, Pakistan's Prime Minister Bhutto is reported to have declared that his countryman would, if necessary, "live on grass" if it was necessary in order to produce the atom-bomb. Islamabad immediately set about planning an ambitious programme to build 15 reactors by the turn of the century.

To achieve its goal, Pakistan signed a contract with France for expensive reactors that would not depend on foreign reprocessing of plutonium they produce. This qualification is considered by the U.S. to be a loophole to enable Islamabad to make atomic warheads.

Pakistan and France are apparently going ahead with the deal, despite consistent U.S. pressure on both to call it off.

Since Mr. Bhutto's basic excuse for entering the nuclear field is India's technological competence in this sphere, Washington wants to re-negotiate its entire nuclear relationship with New Delhi. The U.S. calculation appears that a more clear declaration by India of its nuclear intentions and elaboration of peaceful usage policies will give the U.S. an effective handle to persuade Pakistan at least to have the plutonium reprocessed in approved countries.

Islamabad has been pursuing an energetic nuclear programme, and reports in the Pakistani Press suggest that the testing of a nuclear device is imminent. Al Fatah, a Karachi weekly, has said Pakistan is likely to stage an underground blast in the Cholistan desert "any day".

Al Fatah, which represents leftist views, alleged that the current political turmoil in Pakistan is a direct result of the big powers' anxiety, particularly that of the U.S., to prevent Islamabad's entry into the nuclear club.

River dispute raises tension between Argentina and Brazil

Schemes to exploit the mighty river Parana, which flows between Brazil and Argentina, are causing tension between the two nations. Brazil is building the biggest power station in the world at Itaipu. The Argentinians say the height of this dam will affect the efficiency of one they are planning to build just over 100 miles downstream. Brazil wants Argentina to limit the capacity of its dam so that it does not have any effect on Itaipu.

By Patrick Knight

RIO DE JANEIRO, (Gemini). — Tension is coming to a head between Brazil and Argentina over exactly how to exploit the waters of the mighty Parana.

It rises in Brazil, passes into Argentina and forms the frontier of both countries with Paraguay for part of the way. The river eventually becomes the River Plate, above Buenos Aires.

As demand for energy in these two giant countries grows, both are beginning to harness the hydro-electric power generated by the river, which is 1,650 miles long and the ninth largest in the world.

The Brazilians have started to construct what will be, in eight years time, the world's largest power station at Itaipu. This is just a few miles above the frontier with Argentina and is being built in conjunction with Paraguay.

Brazil will pay virtually the whole cost of the project, and Paraguay will sell Brazil half of the electricity produced in payment for her share. At the moment, a huge diversion channel, almost 100 yards deep, is being dug and blasted out. When this is complete, the river will be diverted, and the main dam built.

Argentina is also planning to build power stations in association with Paraguay. One problem is that Argentina has been so involved with its own complicated internal affairs over

the past few years. There have been many changes of government, and innumerable different foreign ministers, so relations with neighbours have been neglected.

The Argentinians now find that the height of the dam the Brazilians are building at Itaipu will affect the efficiency of one they are planning to build just over 100 miles downstream. If they now go ahead and build their dam, called Corpus, to the best possible height for them, the water in the lake behind will rise up against the Itaipu dam. The water would have less far to fall, and so generate less power.

Sitting in the middle of the dispute, of course, is Paraguay, whose co-operation is needed for both projects to proceed and be successful, even if she is only a fraction the size of either her massive neighbours.

The President of Argentina, General Videla, had been planning a visit to his fellow President General Stroessner of Paraguay for some time. But it came as rather a nasty shock when, a week before Mr. Videla was due in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion, Mr. Stroessner suddenly flew to Rio de Janeiro to have a talk with President Gelsel of Brazil.

It has not been revealed what the discussions were about, but it is not too difficult to guess. The Brazilians have virtually all the cards in their hands. They are already building their dam, and for the Argentine project to be as go-

od as it could be, some Brazilian lands would have to be flooded.

The waters of the Argentine dam would also make it impossible for Paraguay to build some small dams on tributaries of the Parana, so Argentina has to negotiate with both. Ironically, Paraguay, with the power from one small dam upstream from Itaipu, already has all the energy it will need for the foreseeable future. It will not need the electricity from either Itaipu or Corpus, but will have a very healthy income from the sale of its power.

The Paraguayans seem to be favouring the Brazilians at the moment. It is even being suggested that Paraguay should change the whole of its electricity system to conform with the Brazilian one. It would have to be altered from 50 cycles a second, the Argentine system, to 60, the Brazilian one. This would be an even more complicated operation than the switch from town gas to North Sea gas conducted in Britain in recent years, although only three million people are involved.

Although the Brazilians have almost all the cards, it remains to be seen whether they will play them. The Argentinians are already super sensitive about the fact that Brazil could, if it chose, flood the heartland of Argentina by letting the water out of the Itaipu lake. This would not only destroy all the Argentine iron and steel making capacity, on the banks of the Parana, but the rising waters would also inundate Buenos Aires.

The important crop-growing and cattle raising area between the Parana and the Uruguay rivers would also be flooded. There are already complaints that the level of water in the Parana has dropped as the Brazilians operate other power plants higher up the river.

The Brazilians have said that they think that Argentina should limit the height of the Corpus dam to 90 metres, but that 100 would be acceptable. This should not cause too much interference and would not reduce the efficiency of Itaipu by very much, they say.

This does not satisfy the Argentinians, however. At 100 metres, Corpus would only produce three million kws., whereas at 130 metres, it could produce 11 million kws. instead of 12.

In its state of chronic civil war, which has been going on more or less for the last 25 years, Argentina has been gradually losing her influence over her smaller neighbours, Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay.

At one time, virtually all Paraguay's imports and exports passed along the

Parana through Argentina. There were endless complaints about restrictions and the unfair profits which were made. Now there is a good road all the way to the Brazilian coast, and many more goods are passing this way. As the Paraguayans point out, by the year 2,000 there will be 200 million Brazilians to sell to, but only 30 million in Argentina. This helps explain Mr. Stroessner's recent trip, although he is par-

The map shows the Parana river system flowing through South America, with major dams like Itaipu and Corpus marked. It also shows the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and various neighboring countries like Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Surinam, and French Guiana.

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Central Bank Governor Dr. Nabulsi Money is the name of the game

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Jordan Times has met some of these persons who have humbly accepted to reveal the usually aspects of their daily life and who talk of everything in an open heart. This week we meet the man who is money, but who dares to admit that money is everything in life -- Central Bank Governor Dr. Said Nabulsi.

...ene Ramadan to the Jordan Times

...id of money is at times fascinating and "Money makes the round" as the song some people will tell is everything in life is that?

...lly true. Like most of life, there is a grey area. But in this case the facts lose much of their luster. But in this case not everything in life is the grey area says

...hammad Said Nabulsi of the Central Bank, was commended for money for 25 years. Nabulsi has been getting a law degree from the University of Damascus and a Ph.D in economics from Georgetown University. Dr. Nabulsi held teaching posts in Syria from 1967 to 1967.

...arch 1972 to May as Jordan's Minister of Economy. And since then he has been Governor of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank.

nk. He is now also on the board of the Royal Scientific Society, the National Planning Council and the Science Research Institute.

How is the job of governor of the Central Bank?

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The Flying Banker

Usually the governor of a central bank is called the flying banker, because his job relies partly on contacts with international financing institutions. So Dr. Nabulsi travels a lot.

His family complains a bit about this frequent coming-and-going, especially the children Hamdi (17), Samar (14) and Rasha (6).

Mrs. Nabulsi, on the other hand, has resigned herself to the inevitable, because she does not want to disturb her husband's work and because she has been used to a part-time family life.



Dr. Nabulsi poses in his garden with wife Nelly and their three children.

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"Soon after we got married," she recalled, "I accompanied my husband to Washington, where he had to do his Ph.D. And we stayed there three years. He went to his courses from the morning until the evening. I must say, it was not an easy life, but the best thing to do was to put on a good face."

Mrs. Nabulsi is a strong woman with a great sense of humour. Her worst enemies, and also the enemies of the whole family, as she says, are her husband's books.

In fact the governor of the Central Bank reads considerably.

"I don't try to confine myself to a certain category of books. Reading is also part of my work. First of all, I never fail to regularly go through what I call the musts: The Economist, The Financial Times and The Herald Tribune. Then comes specialised reading like the economics journals and new books."

Super-Money

Now, for instance, Dr. Nabulsi is completely engrossed in Super-Money by Adam Smith, author of The Money Game. He is also reading Mankind and Mother Earth by Toynebee. On the lighter side, Central Bank governor is a fan of detective stories. He likes reading them on a plane or when waiting at an airport.

However, it is difficult to talk about hobbies with such a busy man. On Friday the members of the Nabulsi family always get together to spend their day off at the Automobile club -- both in summer and winter.

When asked to give a picture of the Central Bank, its governor pointed out:

"It is a mixed creature with both a governmental and business outlook. Our work seems to be like any other business. We buy and sell money like any others. But it gives us a genuine feeling of satisfaction because we are the guardian and guardian of the people's savings and wealth. And we are working to increase this."

Next Week: Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.

value of money?

"I have spent all my life with money, and being concerned with large sums makes me think of this Arab proverb: We walk in life like a camel in the desert which is deadly thirsty because of the water carried on its back."

We also asked the governor of the Central Bank if he had any coins on him. It happened that he found 27 piastres ... in his pocket.

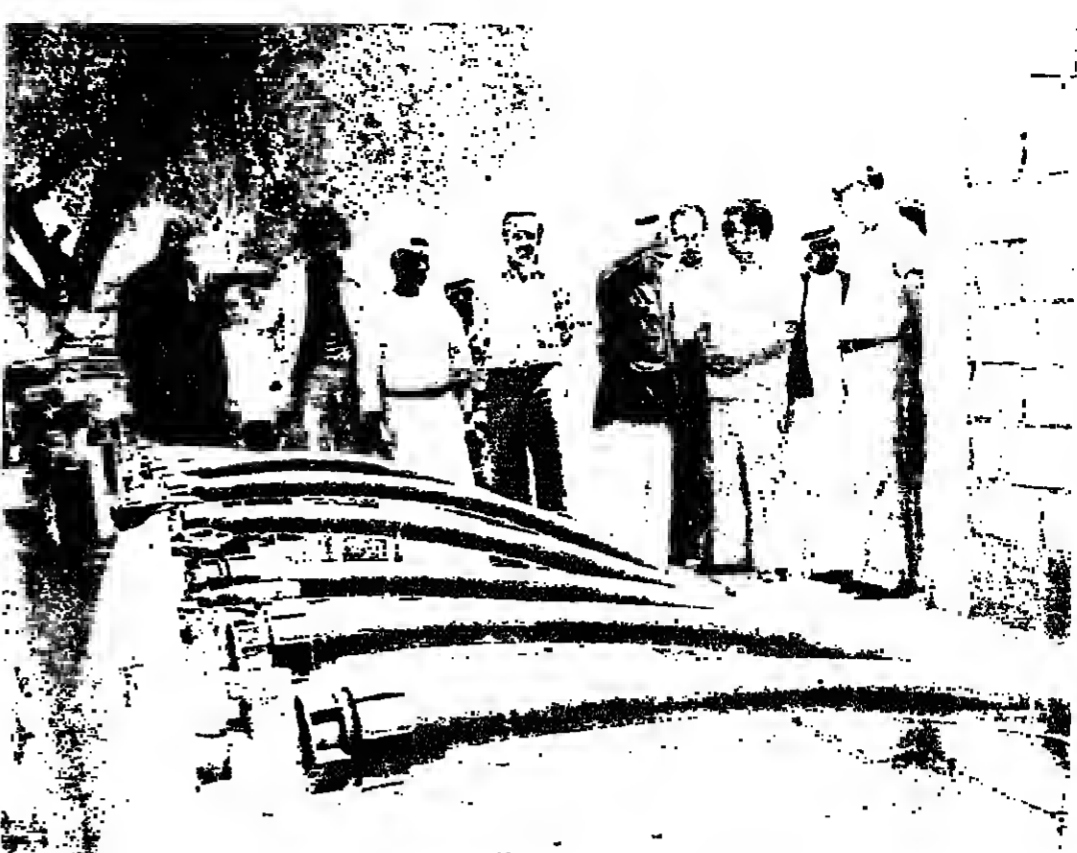
"If you are trying to make me say that money is losing its value, I will tell you yes," he retorted quickly. "But we are guaranteeing the value of money in the sense of keeping its value stable against other currencies."

"In this respect I am proud to say that the Jordanian currency has maintained a relatively stable position. And I am not trying to attribute this solely to the efforts of the Central Bank. It is in fact the result of a strong economic performance under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein -- a leadership primarily concerned with maintaining law, order and confidence in the country."

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Syrian Premier Maj-Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi listens to an explanation on a major irrigation project in the central sector of the Jordan Valley Friday. (JNA photo).

Syrian premier tours Jordan Valley

AMMAN (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran, visiting Syrian Premier Maj-Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi and a number of ministers of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee made a tour of projects in the Jordan Valley Friday.

They started with a visit to

the agricultural areas in the central sector, where they inspected modern irrigation methods in use. They then saw progress on the East Ghor Canal extension and the four pumping stations along the canal, which will pump canal water to new tracts of land for irrigation.

At Deir Alla, Premiers Badran and Khleifawi were briefed by President of the Jordan Valley Authority Omar Abdullah on the new body's aims and activities to develop the Jordan Valley.

He explained plans to develop water resources and set up housing communities and services, such as electricity, communications and health facilities for the local population. The authority president further explained the process of land distribution to farmers.

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Central Bank governor puts on a serious face as he pores through the pages of his required reading.

Kuwaiti editors here on visit

AMMAN (JNA). — Director General and Chief Editor of the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah, Mr. Ahmad Jarallah, arrived here Friday on a visit to Jordan.

He was received at the airport by Director of Press and

Publications Ahmad Al Utoum and a number of information officials.

Another Kuwaiti journalist, Nasser Al Marzouq, Chief Editor of the daily Al Anba' arrived here earlier for a short visit.

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Silver jubilee expo opened at university

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Dr. Al Farhan, the staff and a host of visitors toured the exhibition's pavilion for the Jordanian Armed Forces.

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U.S. copper workers strike

NEW YORK, July 1 (Agencies). — About 45,000 American copper industry workers went on strike this morning after their three-year contract with employers expired. A spokesman for the New York based Kennecott Copper Corporation said the firm and a coalition of 26 unions led by the United Steel Workers of America continued meeting after the strike deadline passed at midnight in Phoenix, Arizona, where the talks took place.

But a spokesman for the steelworkers said in Phoenix the strike was in progress.

Kennecott is the largest firm in the industry and the Phoenix negotiations were regarded as crucial in setting a nationwide pattern. Unions also went on strike at six more copper companies and workers are expected to walk out at another tonight.

The companies hit are responsible for about 70 per cent of the U.S. copper output.

But officials of one of them, Asarco, said yesterday that a three or four month strike would "restore a very healthy" situation to the copper market, which is at present burdened with large stockpiles.

In 1967, after an eight-and-a-half month strike, the unions lost their demand for industry-wide bargaining. They are hoping the strike can achieve it this time.

Kennecott said yesterday the union had rejected its latest pay offer of an extra 75 cents an hour for three years. The union has demanded 94 cents an hour. Workers at Kennecott now earn from six to eight dollars an hour in wages.

Southern Africa's mining slump

The strike by the United Steel Workers Union in the United States is having adverse effects on copper, lead and other metal production in Southern Africa.

In south Africa, over-production of copper and the substantial stocks held by consumers and producers have forced the O'okiep Copper Company to trim its development programme, reduce output, and cut staff by a third.

The director of the company which mines in South Africa's north western Cape Province and Namibia's Tsamab area, Mr. T. P. Philip, said today that because of the international copper scene, production would now be cut by a third.

In Zambia, the Metal Marketing Corporation has declared a major reduction of some 40 per cent of all lead shipments as from today, while in Rhodesia chrome mines have been closed and a smelting project has been shelved.

The South African O'okiep Company will cut its production of blister copper by 11,000 tons a year from last

year's 40,000 ton output, Mr. Philip said.

This will be coupled with a lay-off of some 2,000 workers, mainly blacks, of whom 500 will be reduced by "natural attrition" and 650 will be retrenched.

This has been strongly influenced by the volatile copper market in recent months and the threat by the American United Steel Workers to go on strike, with only the Phelps Dodge firm offering terms of settlement, that the union rejected.

Uncertainty around these negotiations has caused the price of copper on the London Metal Exchange to tumble around 900 pounds a ton mid-March to a low 735 by mid-May. At present the cash price of 748, equates closely with the American price of 68 U.S. cents a pound.

E. Germany, Iran discuss economic cooperation

EAST BERLIN, July 1 (R). — East German Premier Willi Stoph yesterday met the head of the National Iranian Oil Company for talks which may have covered possible East German purchases of Iranian oil.

An official ADN News Agency report of Mr. Stoph's meeting with Dr. Mamouthchehr Eghbal said they had friendly talks and discussed the intensification of economic, technical and scientific cooperation, but gave no further details.

Overhanging the market are stocks at the London Metal Exchange totalling some 60,000 tons, which estimates of consumption and production show a potential further increase in stocks.

"The performance of the copper price, in South Africa, and in Zambia, in the immediate future will now depend on the American wage negotiations," a financial expert said here today.

Zambia is southern Africa's leading copper producer, and the metal is one of that country's major foreign exchange earners.

For this reason, commentators here believe the producers will drive a hard bargain in the hope that any resultant price increase due to a cut in supplies will offset in the longer term, the financial loss from reduced production.

Lebanon rules for protection of banking

BEIRUT, July 1 (AFP). — The Lebanese government has approved new banking regulations to prevent foreign domination of Lebanese banking, press reports said here yesterday.

New rules laid down by the cabinet last Monday stipulate that 50 per cent of the shares of any new bank should be held by Lebanese nationals and that shares should be nominal. In addition, the new rules set 15 million Lebanese pounds (\$5 million) as the minimum capital required for opening a new bank. The limit was earlier three million pounds.

Furthermore, the national Bank of Lebanon will have practically full powers to grant licenses for new banks or branch offices.

Because of a ten-year moratorium on issuance of new licenses, proclaimed in the wake of the 1966 collapse of the Intra Bank, foreign interests have been buying into Lebanese banks in recent years, and have in several cases acquired a majority stake.

Tanzania's Nyerere suggests temporary agreement to keep East Africa Community alive

NAIROBI, July 1 (R). — President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania has suggested to the Kenyan and Ugandan leaders that temporary arrangements should be made to keep the East African Community in existence while consideration is given to its future, Uganda Radio reported today.

The radio, monitored here, quoted the text of a letter from President Nyerere to President Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya and President Idi Amin of Uganda.

In his reply, also quoted by the radio, President Amin said Uganda would not be a party to proposals which would lead to a breakup of the community, which has linked the three East African countries since 1967.

Uganda has no intention of confiscating the property of the community, he added. But he did not accept President Nyerere's proposals because Uganda felt that the existing treaty of East African co-operation must be respected.

He suggested that the East African authority -- the top policy-making body of the community, consisting of the three presidents -- should

meet to solve some of the problems, and to decide which community services should be maintained.

Falling this, he said, the finance ministers of the three states should meet to approve a budget.

"I believe there is still room for us to discuss and arrive at some understanding for the benefit of the people of East Africa as a whole," President Amin concluded.

The East African authority has not met since President

Amin seized power in Uganda in 1971.

Meanwhile, reports from usha, northern Tanzania Kenyan workers at the African Community headquarters there are returning at the direction of the Tanzanian government. Tanzanian and Ugandan workers are at their posts.

The community's special year starts today a financial provision has made by the three countries for the 1977-78 period.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trade in the London Foreign Exchange Market today. Tourist rate differ from those quoted below.

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One dollar =	2.3395 / 3405	West German mark
	2.4765 / 80	Dutch guilder
	2.4625 / 35	Swiss franc
	36.01 / 04	Belgian franc
	4.9190 / 9200	French franc
	884.80 / 85	Italian lira
	268.95 / 267.10	Japanese yen
	4.4040 / 55	Swedish crown
	5.3260 / 75	Norwegian crown
	6.0325 / 50	Danish crown

Multinationals blamed by church group for Third World troubles

GENEVA, July 1 (R). — A group of churchmen, economists and trade unionists yesterday accused multinational firms of being responsible for "underdevelopment and stagnation of Third World economies" and asked christian communities to take action.

The group, set up by the World Council of Churches to study multinationals, asked the council to make "responsible use of invested church funds."

The Geneva-based council, which links churches of protestant and orthodox faiths, said the proposals would be presented to its Central Committee next August as part of its programme to examine multinational corporations.

They accused the companies of exploiting natural resources and cheap labour, amassing vast wealth and power without adequate control and responsibility, and of using capital-intensive technology for large profits against the best interests of the countries where they operate.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

Saudi riyal	82.5	83.0
Lebanese pound	107.5	108.0
Syrian pound	80.9	81.2
Iraqi dinar	840	845
Kuwaiti dinar	1137	1141
Egyptian pound	467	477
Libyan dinar	740	750
UAE dirham	83.5	84.5
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	330	332
German mark	140.3	140.7
French franc	67	67.3
Swiss franc	132.3	132.7
Italian lira (for every 100)	34.7	37.6

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices slipped badly on the New York Stock Exchange after a brief recovery the day before.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 912.65, a 3.65 points; Transp at 237.83, a loss of 0.97; utilities at 115 gain of 0.38.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed easier Friday, dealers said. The index at 15:00 was down 4.6 at 451.7.

Leading industrials fell up to 10p while government bonds showed on balance falls of up to 1/4. Dealers noted some short dated stock to meet the final call on Monday the £500 million 9-1/4 per cent 1982 exchange stock. The Treasury announced a new £400 million variable rate bond due 1985.

Gold eased while U.S. and Canadian bonds mixed.

British Petroleum shares were the most active again. B.P. 'new' shares ending 5p off and the 'old' shares shed 6p. Shell lost 4p.

Fisons gave up 10p and falls of 4.0 to 6p were noted in Bats, Tube Investments, and Unilever. Hawker Siddeley against the trend.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: This can be an upsetting time both where conservative and conventional matters are concerned. Avoid making hasty or rash decisions. Try to keep calm. Back up rather than degrade a pal.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take care not to annoy your friends at this time since they could be important to your scheme of things now. Be wiser to the ways of others.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Avoid any arguments with those who are powerful and please them by asking for advice. Pay a questionable bill without arguing about it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Complete unfinished business before getting into any new activities, some of which may not be good for you. Don't overtax energies.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Use diplomacy in handling a problem with mate, loved one. Avoid arguments and don't resort to name-calling.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Not a good time to question allies or you get into trouble with them. Avoid them as much as you can. A civic matter arises that is not pleasant, but keep quiet since there is little you can do about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't argue with fellow workers about work you have to do and get good results. Don't overdo or you could easily damage health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Stick to proven and inexpensive pleasures or you could regret extravagance later. Friends may be a little trying, but take in your stride.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The situation at home could be tense, so do what you can to restore harmony. Not a good time to put that latent talent to work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be careful in dealing with others or you could easily get into much trouble. Avoid being too self-sacrificing at home. You get nowhere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may feel a financial pinch, but if you study your position better, you find you have ample funds to get a new outlet working for you. Use good judgment and you need not rely on others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get more balance to your thinking so that you are neither highly elated one moment and down in the dumps the next. Not a good time for social gatherings.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Personal worries are not as bad as you think, so do not get excited over them. Loved ones may be testy right now, so make allowances.

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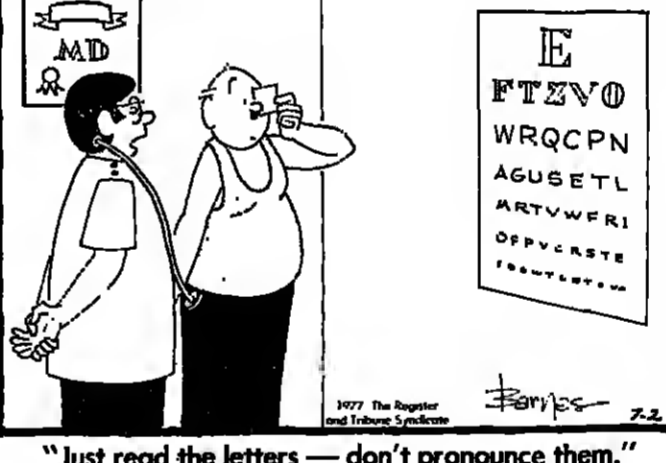
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Love has creative power -- it builds -- whereas hate destroys -- it tears down.

GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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South played the jack and West won the queen. The thinking Wests now reasoned that South was un-

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ J 3 2
 ♦ J 10 8
 ♣ A K J 8 5 2

EAST
 ♠ J 7 5
 ♥ A 10 8 7 4
 ♦ K 9 7 4
 ♣ 10

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 9 8
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ A Q 5 2
 ♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣
 Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 NT
 Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: Five of ♣.

It is standard procedure not only to lead fourth best, but also to play fourth-best when returning partner's suit. But that can cause problems, as many defenders found on this hand from the Philip Morris European Cup competition.

Most Norths elected to open on the strength of their six-card suit, even though the hand barely meets the requirements for an opening bid. The majority of Souths chose the jump rebid to no trump after North denied four cards in a major suit by rebidding his clubs.

The usual lead was the fourth-best heart, and almost invariably East won the ace and returned the seven of hearts—originally his fourth-best—in keeping with standard practice.

home—with an overtrick after the diamond finesse succeeded.

One West who did not have to solve this problem was Scotland's Andrew Duncan. His partner, Brian Short, found the intelligent return of the four of hearts!

Duncan won and continued with the king of hearts, expecting South to furnish a third heart since East appeared to have started with four. He was pleasantly surprised when South showed out on the third heart, but not too surprised to continue the suit, enabling the defenders to take the first five tricks for an excellent score.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WOLLY
 O O O O O O O

RYHUR
 O O O O O O O

ANTUSE
 O O O O O O O

GLANJE
 O O O O O O O

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWASH OLIVUM RABBIT SMUDGE
 Answer: What head winds might be expected to do—MUSS YOUR HAIR

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Accomplish
- Cape
- Money owed for food
- Fascinate
- Its capital is Aldorf
- Secluded
- Hebrew letter
- Alphabetical coin
- Holly
- Fragrant resin
- Suitable
- Misrepresent
- Engineer's seat
- Frosted
- Fingerfall
- Sleep
- Failure
- Nobleman
- Stream or current
- Offspring
- Clayey
- Lafite
- Violet ketone
- Woffhound
- Bosny
- Smoke genus
- Pobococ
- Tailless monkey
- Beet
- Cervid
- Sea god
- Appreciable
- DOWN
- Mike's friend
- Milkfish
- Demolished
- East Indian com
- (Cuckoo) pint
- Used in making alloys
- Scale
- Embarrassing position
- Arrow poison
- Subject
- Offer
- Top
- Medieval shield
- By
- Tapering
- Lightweight twilled fabric
- Turkish chamber
- For each
- Serve
- High fashion
- More sensible
- Arbor
- Denmark
- Century plant
- Jardiniere
- Rata
- Samovar
- Color blue

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Bhutto, opposition hold meet in final effort to seek formula to resolve crisis

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, July 1 (R). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and leaders of the Pakistan opposition met today in a final effort to seek a formula for resolving the four-month-old political crisis.

A government spokesman said the negotiators were willing to continue their talks throughout the night to reach agreement on the mechanics for holding new general elections.

The opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) has expressed concern over the delay in finalising an agreement already reached in principle. It has said it will give the government no further time to accept its demands and threatens to return to street demonstrations if no agreement is reached.

The proposed agreement includes supervision over the elections by the judiciary, the army, release of all opposition supporters held during its agitation campaign and a lifting of the state of emergency in force since 1971.

Meanwhile, PNA President Maulana Mufi Mahmud told a gathering of worshippers in a mosque that "tonight's round of talks will have to be 'decisive', one way or another."

"We will come back with a decision," he said, after driving to the mosque directly from the prime minister's residence to offer Friday prayers.

Demonstrations were planned for this afternoon in Rawalpindi and the PNA has issued a general strike call for Sunday in Karachi in the event of a failure to reach agreement.

The chief of staff and heads of the three branches of the armed forces (army, navy and air force) gave their views to the opposition this morning the spokesman said.

Baluchistan, gripped by secessionist tendencies in 1975, was the seat of a rebellion that was put down forcefully by the army in that year.

Despite the fact that a government-opposition is called "imminent" day after day, the hardest-line opposition group accused the government of dragging its feet.

Armed clashes between supporters of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and activists in the PNA reportedly caused injuries to nine persons last night the Urdu-language daily Nawa-i-Waqt reported.

Nawa-i-Waqt said that a ship was set alight and a hotel was attacked after the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party tore down a banner of the opposition alliance in Shekhpura, near Lahore, last night.

Government and opposition negotiators spent more than three hours here discussing what the alliance describes as its final demands for safeguards to ensure fair elections. They later adjourned until tonight.

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Meanwhile, PNA President Maulana Mufi Mahmud told a gathering of worshippers in a mosque that "tonight's round of talks will have to be 'decisive', one way or another."

"We will come back with a decision," he said, after driving to the mosque directly from the prime minister's residence to offer Friday prayers.

Demonstrations were planned for this afternoon in Rawalpindi and the PNA has issued a general strike call for Sunday in Karachi in the event of a failure to reach agreement.

The chief of staff and heads of the three branches of the armed forces (army, navy and air force) gave their views to the opposition this morning the spokesman said.

Baluchistan, gripped by secessionist tendencies in 1975, was the seat of a rebellion that was put down forcefully by the army in that year.

Despite the fact that a government-opposition is called "imminent" day after day, the hardest-line opposition group accused the government of dragging its feet.

Armed clashes between supporters of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and activists in the PNA reportedly caused injuries to nine persons last night the Urdu-language daily Nawa-i-Waqt reported.

Nawa-i-Waqt said that a ship was set alight and a hotel was attacked after the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party tore down a banner of the opposition alliance in Shekhpura, near Lahore, last night.

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French minister warns against "protectionist spiral"

PARIS, July 1 (AFP). — French Foreign Trade Minister Andre Rossi today warned France against entering a "protectionist spiral".

Commenting on calls by the French National Council of Employers ("Patronat") for measures to preserve sectors of industry threatened by foreign competition and suspension of moves to lower customs barriers, Mr. Rossi said protectionism would mean increased unemployment.

Speaking on television, the minister said France had chosen free trade two decades ago. "This choice had helped France to become a major exporter, with one worker out of four working for the export markets."

Any protectionist measures by France, Mr. Rossi said, would inevitably be followed by reprisals from other countries, which would mean a decline in overseas sales and therefore an aggravation of unemployment.

Francois Ceyrac, the "Patronat" chief, said yesterday that French industry leaders did not want a return to protectionism but wanted world trade to be reorganised with effective safeguards against dumping, including "monetary dumping" and against abuse of dominant positions.

SEATO gently fades away after 23 years

BANGKOK, July 1 (R). — Six countries in the Asian-Pacific area yesterday lowered the curtain on a 23-year-old military alliance, the victim of changed regional politics.

Two unformed officials of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) hauled down the flags of the member countries one by one as dusk fell on the Thai capital.

The only witnesses were journalists who turned up for the formal end of the alliance. SEATO members Australia, Britain, the United States, Thailand, the Philippines and New Zealand agreed two years ago -- after the communist victories in Indochina -- that the alliance, founded in 1954, should be scrapped.

What remains of the alliance are a handful of projects between two member countries, Thailand and the Philippines, which are being continued on a bilateral basis with the U.S., Australia and other SEATO members.

The projects include a military technical school and a vehicle workshop here, financed mainly by Australia, and the SEATO medical laboratory, which Thailand and the U.S. will continue to support.

SEATO was the casualty of changed attitudes towards China as it emerged as a world power, and also of the communist victories in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, which the members agreed rendered the alliance largely redundant.

Vietnam's official Nhan Dan daily, quoted by the Vietnamese news agency, said there would be an attempt to replace SEATO with something else.

The Vietnamese statement apparently referred to suggestions that ASEAN -- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations grouping Thailand and the Philippines with Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia for economic cooperation -- ought to take on a security role.

The ASEAN nations have so far rejected such ideas, though some of them cooperate on security bilaterally.

"Whether it is a matter of farm markets, the energy crisis, unemployment among the young, the development of latest-model technology, as in the aviation field, disorganised competition over certain products or the structural renovation of certain industries, we can see that our difficulties are comparable from one country to another and that the joining of our efforts increases our chances of solving our problems."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said that a second aim must be "to set up a powerful confederation of Europe."

"Why a confederation?" he asked. "Because it is necessary at one and the same time to combine our economies and unite our policies and also to preserve the ancient and vigorous personalities of our individual countries."

He said such a confederation would be without precedent, either in terms of the stature of its member nations or their diversity of character. It would be a new and original project, "expressing the personality of Europe and its independent contribution to the world in our time."

N. Yemeni president begins 3-nation tour

AMMAN, July 1 (R). — North Yemeni President Ibrahim Al Hamdi leaves San'a tomorrow on a week-long tour to seek political and financial support for his country.

He will spend two days in Saudi Arabia, three days in France and two more days in Tunisia before returning home.

Official announcements on the visits, issued in San'a, gave little information on the tour or its aims, but political sources in the North Yemeni capital expected President Hamdi to discuss bilateral relations and the Middle East situation when he meets the Saudi and Tunisian leaders.

President Hamdi has proposed the convening of an Arab summit conference to discuss what North Yemen describes as dangers threatening the Arab World.

In this context President Hamdi is expected to seek the support of both Saudi Arabia and Tunisia for his proposal and perhaps ask Saudi Arabia to use its good offices to persuade Egypt to withdraw its objections.

North Yemen is also seeking to convene another summit conference of the countries which lie on the shores of the Red Sea to discuss its security.

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Morocco turns down Arab summit proposal

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BEIRUT, July 1 (R). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said he was prepared to attend an Arab conference in Beirut to resolve the Lebanese problem, according to the weekly magazine Al Usbu' Al Arabi.

In an interview with the magazine, which appears tomorrow, President Sadat said the conference should also bring together all the Lebanese factions concerned.

"Let each one of them give his viewpoint and his case, for what is happening is wrong," the Egyptian leader said.

"All know that what is happening is against the interest of Lebanon and against the interest of each one of parties involved," he said.

President Sadat said there was a threat to Lebanon because the ceasefire was still fragile and had not been followed by a meeting of all the factions concerned.

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Rightists boycott Turkish parliament debate

ANKARA, July 1 (AFP). — A boycott by rightwing opposition members of parliament today cast doubts on whether Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit's new government can survive a confidence vote to be held here on Sunday.

Members of the Justice Party headed by outgoing Premier Suleyman Demirel and of two other rightist parties stayed away from a debate on Mr. Ecevit's government programme. They had boycotted a reading of the programme on Tuesday.

The national salvation party led by Necmettin Erbakan and the National Action Party headed by Alpaskan Turkes together had an absolute majority in the 450-seat assembly. Mr. Ecevit, whose social democrat People's Republican Party has only 214 seats, hopes to win on Sunday by persuading some members of the opposition to vote for him or to abstain.

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U.S. pays off debt to UNESCO

PARIS, July 1 (R). — The United States today paid off its debts to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) after withholding contributions in protest against measures approved by its members that were critical of Israel.

UNESCO said the permanent U.S. delegate, Mr. William Jones, gave UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar Mbow a cheque for \$43 million for arrears in the U.S. contribution over 1975 and 1976.

The United States cut off payments to UNESCO after its 1974 general conference voted to stop aid to Israel in protest against archaeological digging in the occupied Arab city of Jerusalem.

The conference also excluded Israel from the UNESCO European regional group.

The U.S. block on payments aggravated the economic difficulties of UNESCO which suffered a deficit of \$6,518,800 in 1975.

In October 1975, UNESCO's executive board recommended that only individual members of regional groupings could rule on which countries could join them, effectively opening the way for Israel's inclusion in the European group.

The digging in Jerusalem had already been condemned by the United Nations and UNESCO, but UNESCO experts agreed that Israel "was not damaging the city's cultural heritage."

The U.S. contributions to UNESCO account for 25 per cent of the organisation's budget and informed sources said last year that oil-producing Arab nations were shoring up its finances with loans to cover the arrears.

World News Briefs

* DAMASCUS, July 1 (R). — Elections for the People's Council (Parliament) in Syria will take place on Aug. 1 under a decree issued by President Hafez Al Assad last night. The new council will consist of 295 members of which 99 will represent labourers and peasants while 196 will represent the remaining sectors the term of the former 186-member People's Council expired on June 1.

* TEL AVIV, July 1 (R). — Israeli military authorities on the occupied West Bank yesterday released 10 residents of Nablus held in military detention. The new Minister of Defence, Mr. Ezer Weizman, ordered the release at the request of former Nablus Mayor Haj Mazuz Al Masri. Among those released today were a number arrested for security offences, a spokesman for the military government said.

* WASHINGTON, July 1 (R). — The House of representatives yesterday voted to bar the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from using any defence budget funds for assassination plots against officials of foreign governments or political parties in peace time. The move, in an amendment to the defence budget, was issued by voice vote even though Democratic Rep. George Mahon of Texas said that a White House order issued in 1976 by former President Gerald Ford already prohibits assassinations.

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Mobutu dumps cabinet, plans sweeping reforms

KINSHASA, July 1 (AFP). — President Mobutu Sese Seko announced today that all Zaire's government members were "considered as having resigned" and that a prime minister would be named shortly.

The president announced in a speech that the prime minister would coordinate government activities and form a new cabinet.

Sweeping reforms would also be introduced in major sectors, he said.

On security matters President Mobutu added that he was taking personal charge of the armed forces general staff.

President Mobutu announced the formation of a Rural Development Ministry and said two ministers would now control national education -- one responsible for primary education, the other for higher and university studies.

President Mobutu also announced that the election of members to the Political Bureau of the ruling Revolutionary People's Movement Party would be by universal suffrage.

Each region (prefecture) would elect two political commissars for a five-year period, a total of 18 members for the

eight regions and Kinshasa Town, complemented by 12 others elected by President Mobutu.

Deputies to the country's Parliament would be elected directly by the people instead of by the party's Political Bureau, he said.

He announced an impending reform of the judiciary and the decentralisation of Zaire's economy. He assured potential investors that they had nothing to fear from any nationalisations.

Turning to foreign policy, President Mobutu said that he would shortly launch diplomatic moves towards those countries who had instigated the rebellion in Shaba Province so they would leave once and for all the extent of their war.

They would learn that they should leave Africa to Africans and aid Zaire to fight the real battle of development.

He said next November's Party Congress would in particular deal with his seven-year presidential mandate due to expire on Dec. 5.

President Mobutu said he would accept rival presidential candidates in the election so as "to play the democratic game to the full."



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